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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PINS, BG

SUBJECT: COUP IN BANGLADESH

1. GOVERNMENT OF SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN APPEARS HAVE BEEN OVERTHROWN. BANGLADESH RADIO PRESENT CARRYING TAPED ANNOUNCEMENT READ BY AN ARMY MAJOR WHICH SAYS SHEIKH MUJIB HAS BEEN OUSTED AND REPLACED BY KHONDAKAR MUSHTAQ AHMED. ANNOUNCEMENT STATES MUJIB'S MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SEIZED. IT ALSO CALLS ON BANGLADESH RIFLES (BDR) AND RAKKHI BAHINI TO SUPPORT ARMY OR RISK CONSEQUENCES.

2. COUP APPARENTLY BEGAN JUST BEFORE 5:30 A.M. EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD IN AREA AROUND SHEIKH MUJIB'S HOUSE IN DHANMONDI. WHILE THEY HAVE ENDED, SPORADIC GUNFIRE STILL HEARD AS LATE AS 7:00 A.M. AT 5:30 A.M. THERE WAS HEAVY GUNFIRE AT HOUSE OF SHEIKH FAZLUL HAQ MONI, MUJIB'S NEPHEW; NEIGHBORS ASSERT HE WAS KILLED BUT THIS IS UNCONFIRMED. EMBOFFS EN ROUTE TO CHANCERY FROM OUTLYING RESIDENTIAL AREA ENCOUNTERED HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF TANKS IN AREA SOUTH OF CANTONMENT AND IN VICINITY INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. EMBASSY'S BANGALEE SECURITY ASSISTANT REPORTS IRRIGATION MINISTER SERNIABAT, MUJIB'S

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BROTHER-IN-LAW, HAS BEEN KILLED.

3. WE UNDERSTAND 24-HOUR CURFEW HAS BEEN OR IS ABOUT TO BE IMPOSED.
AT THIS MOMENT, THERE APPEARS BE NO THREAT TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL OR
PROPERTY.
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